

**PROOF OF FORMULA 4.253.2**

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{p-1} \ln x \, dx}{(1-x)^{p+1}} = -\frac{\pi}{p \sin \pi p}$$

Differentiating the identity

$$B(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} \, dx,$$

with respect to  $a$  yields

$$\int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} \ln x \, dx = \frac{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} (\psi(a) - \psi(a+b)).$$

Write the integral as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{p-1} \ln x \, dx}{(1-x)^{p+1}} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 x^{p-1+\epsilon} (1-x)^{-p-1} \ln x \, dx \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma(p+\epsilon) \Gamma(-p)}{\Gamma(\epsilon)} (\psi(p) - \psi(\epsilon)). \end{aligned}$$

Now use  $\Gamma(\epsilon) = 1/\epsilon - \gamma + o(1)$  to obtain

$$\frac{\psi(p) - \psi(\epsilon)}{\Gamma(\epsilon)} = \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon) \psi(p) - \Gamma'(\epsilon)}{\Gamma^2(\epsilon)} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{p-1} \ln x \, dx}{(1-x)^{p+1}} = \Gamma(p) \Gamma(-p).$$

The result follows from  $\Gamma(1-p) = -p\Gamma(p)$  and  $\Gamma(p)\Gamma(1-p) = \pi/\sin \pi p$ .